



## **Multimodal Transportation Commission Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
December 2, 2015**

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### **Attending:**

Commission Members: Jim Grode, Chair; Bruce Emory, Vice-Chair; Philip Lenowitz, Till Dohse, Julie Mayfield, Terri March and Mary Weber, Don Kostelec, John Ridout, Kristy Carter, Rich Lee.

Commission Members Absent: Josh O'Conner.

Council Liaison: Absent

Staff Members: Ken Putnam, Martha McGlohon, Yuri Koslen, Mariate Echeverry, Polly McDaniel, Janet GeorgeMurr and Jackie Behoriam.

Community Members: David Nutter.

**Called Meeting To Order:** Jim Grode opened the meeting and welcomed members, staff and public. Jim also welcomed and introduced the newest Board Member, Rich Lee; and stated that Board Member Julie Mayfield will be late.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

December 4, 2015 – Agenda: Board member Jim Grode reminded the Board of the election of officers at next month's meeting, and those who are interested should let Jim know. Board Member Jim Grode motioned to approve; Board Member Bruce Emory second and carried unanimously.

October 28, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes: To add Greenway Policy Recommendations. Board Member Mary Weber motioned to approve, Board Member Till Dohse second and carried unanimously.

**Public Comment I:** None

### **Presentations:**

1. Mariate Echeverry, Transportation Planning Manager, presented on the Management Company RFP. There are several RFP considerations:

- Resident Management Team: General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and Director of Maintenance.
- Liquidated damages, contingent on resources, i.e. Vehicle breakdowns will require extra-board drivers, and that needs to be approved in the budget process,
- Federal requirements
- Service standards
- Maintenance
- Training, and
- Reporting requirements

Mariate further discussed the methodology and approach to the considerations, emphasizing that there needs to be continuity. After a discussion among Commissioners and staff, Mariate stated that if deemed necessary, the management company will pay liabilities of the above list. In addition, 1 or 2 members from the MMTC will assess, evaluate, and conduct interviews. The drafting document is almost complete.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. I-26 EIS Discussion: Ken presented staff comments regarding the I-26 DEIS to the MMTC for review and comments. The presentation was followed by a group discussion, in which several suggestions were made. Ken proceeded to incorporate the suggestions into the staff comments to be submitted to the NCDOT via cover letter on December 16, 2015. Board Member, Bruce Emory motioned for MMTC to endorse City staff comments and letter; Board Member, Rich Lee seconded the motion; and carried unanimously.

2. Reminder: Election of New MMTC Officers for next month's meeting- Board Member Jim Grode presented Board Member Julie Mayfield a plaque for her service. He also reminded the Commission of the election of New MMTC Officers for next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Approving Transit Committee appointments for 4 new members- Board Member Bruce Emory stated that the Transit Committee is recommending the following four candidates: Valarie Macklin, Anthony Mitchell, Gary Ray, and Lauren Noto. After a brief discussion, the Commission was made aware of a concern for the UNCA applicant as to being an Asheville resident, which will be further verified. Board Member Bruce Emory motioned for the MMTC to approve the new members; Board member Till Dohse seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

-The Transit Committee also recommended Adam Charnack, Chair of Transit Committee to replace MMTC Board Member Julie Mayfield. Board Member Jim Grode recommended that Mr. Charnack be appointed to MMTC subject to submitting an application to the City Clerk.

- Jim also mentioned that the annual report is due next meeting.

2. MMTC Policy Recommendations and Annual Report: Board Member Jim Grode stated that if submitted to council, the Commission will have 11 recommendations. After a group discussion it was suggested that all of the 11 recommendations be submitted and prioritized. Mariate stated that there is a "pipeline policy" for Capital Projects constantly in the works at different stages to fit the timeline. Board Member Rich Lee stated that there are only 3 projects "running," which require feasibility studies. Board Members Terri March and Don Kostelec volunteered to condense it into a single document.

**Announcement:** Yuri announced the AIM Public Rollout on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30 at the US Cellular Center and suggested outreach opportunities. Notices of the meeting are being posted on the City website and Facebook; City and County officials; City Neighborhood Coordinator; as well as posters at the ART Center and buses.

-In addition Yuri mentioned that 2 out of the 6 scheduled ART public meetings addressing the fare changes, ADA, Paratransit have occurred.

**General Committee Updates:**

1. Greenway Committee – policy recommendations presented to MMTC;

2. Bike/Ped Task Force: no reports

3. Neighborhood Advisory Committee: no reports

4. Transit Committee – no reports

**Staff Updates:**

Yuri stated that they are applying for two projects and request MMTC Endorsement:

-5310 grant JARC/NF (Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom) for disabled and seniors.

-ART station improvements to include hard-scape, design and storm water.

-ADA related issues will be addressed in January, when it will be taken to Council for review.

-Board Member, Rich Lee moved to endorse the above two projects; Board Member, Don Kostelec second and carried unanimously.

**Review of MMTC Goals:** Jim updated MMTC on goals.

**Public Comment II:** None

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Election of New MMTC Officers; Proposed downtown hotel shuttle.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:22pm**